



University of Alberta Students' Union
**ABORIGINAL RELATIONS
 AND RECONCILIATION
 AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, November 23, 2017
 6:00pm
 SUB 6-06**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Sauteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

NAME	PRESENT	PROXY	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Nathan Sunday (chair)	Y		
Ilya Ushakov	Y		
Shane Scott	Y		
James Thibaudeau	N		
Mike Sandare	N		
Delane Howie	N		
Brandon Christensen	N		Y
Deirdra Cutarm (ASC Representative)	Y		
Katherine Belcourt (ASC Representative)	Y		
Megan Arcand (Student at Large)	Y		
Rhiannon Arcand (Student at Large)	Y		
Haley Lefferson (Student at Large)	Y		

MINUTES (ARRC-2017-14)

2017-14/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2017-14/1a **Prayer/Smudging Ceremony**

2017-14/1b **Call to Order**

SUNDAY: called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

2017-14/1c **Approval of Agenda**

SCOTT: Proposed the addition of a discussion item 'Bylaw Changes' as 2017-14/2c.

USHAKOV: Proposed the addition of discussion item 'Dean of Students Mental Health Grant' as 2017-14/2d

SCOTT, USHAKOV: Moved to approve the amendments.
5/0/0.

USHAKOV, SCOTT: Moved to approve the agenda as amended.
5/0/0.

2017-14/1d **Approval of Minutes**

N/A

2017-14/1e **Chair's Business**

2017-14/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2017-14/2a Meeting with Groups

SUNDAY: Asked members the status of their group consultations as determined in the October 19th meeting. Proposed a Google Form replace their current Google Document as the instrument for recording the results of a consultation.

USHAKOV: Noted he consulted the Dean of Students Office (Augustana), the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society, and the Students' Union staff.

ARCAND: Noted she consulted NCR and has not contacted the Law Students' Association or the Aboriginal Law Students Association.

LEFFERSON: Noted she had not attended the October 16th meeting.

BELCOURT: Noted she had not undertaken the assigned consultations.

SCOTT: Noted he was unable to consult the Aboriginal Students' Office as the office was closed. Noted he consulted the Vice-President Academic of the Augustana Students' Association. Added that he contacted the Pharmacy

Students' Association but has received no response. Advised members use the consultation template as found within the Drive.

SUNDAY: Withdrew Google Forms as proposed consultation framework. Declared to write an article in the Gateway requesting student feedback on the standing orders (embedded in article) but not recommendations. Asked members who are overextended to delegate their consultations to him.

COMMITTEE AS WHOLE: Redesignated the consultation responsibilities as detailed within the [Meeting List](#) schedule.

2017-14/2b Winter 2018 - ARRC Schedule

CHRISTENSEN: Proposed to meet off-council Thursdays at 6:00pm. Urged all appointed members be consulted in the determination of meetings.

SUNDAY: Declared to send out a Doodle Poll for the determination of the meeting schedule.

2017-14/2c Bylaw Changes

SCOTT: Communicated Bylaw Committee's proposed redesignation of committees was debated. Noted the proposal was returned to committee for further work by Students' Council. Identified the major proposed committee classifications as administrative and advisory.

SUNDAY: Expressed his disapproval at the Bylaw proposal as he believes it disempowers Aboriginal Relations And Reconciliation Ad Hoc Committee.

USHAKOV: Affirmed all committees, whatever their designation, have the same substantive powers. Expressed approval of the Bylaw.

ARCAND: Identified the contention to exist in a symbolic segregation in policy, not an issue of substantive power.

SCOTT: Noted the disempowerment arises from (1) the differing procedure for the institution and dissolution of the committees, (2) the differing membership compositions, (3) the us vs. them divide resulting from the classification scheme which groups ARRC by itself.

LEFFERSON: Inquired into whether ARRC will continue to advocate for a standing-committee designation.

SUNDAY: Noted his personal support for ARRC receiving the designation.

SCOTT: Expressed the 'delegated legislative function' requirement should not preclude ARRC from becoming administrative. Stated all committees can have

delegated functions. Suggested the committee classification scheme only differnate on the basis of membership, not function.

2017-14/2d Dean of Students Mental Health Grant

USHAKOV: Established that the Dean of Students has submitted a mental health plan which includes supplemental grants for Indigenous students. Advised members of the committee investigate which University programmes require additional funding. Noted he will bring the grant criteria for the next meeting.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether the grant can fund mental health activities with elders.

USHAKOV: Responded in the affirmative. Noted the grant proposal requests a full-time elder on North Campus. Expressed the University has submitted for the principal grant but has not yet applied for the supplemental grant; they are now undertaking consultations.

2017-14/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2017-14/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2017-14/5 **ADJOURNMENT**
Adjourned at 7:23.

2017-14/5a **Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 6:00PM in SUB 6-06.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
SCOTT, USHAKOV: Moved to approve the amendments.	5/0/0.
USHAKOV, SCOTT: Moved to approve the agenda as amended.	5/0/0.